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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
US Patent & Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the communication of July 18, 2001, Applicant responds to the Sequence Listing requirements as follows.

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

Please replace the sequence listing comprising pages 1-11 as originally filed with the substitute sequence listing that is attached.

Additionally accompanying this response is a replacement sequence listing in a machine-readable format that is identical to the replacement paper copy of the sequence listing submitted herewith.

Applicant hereby states that the content of the substitute paper sequence submitted herewith and the sequences contained on the substitute computer readable copy are the same and introduce no new matter.

REMARKS

By way of the above preliminary amendment, Applicant has set forth a new paper and computer-readable copy of the sequence listing. The newly submitted paper copy and computer-readable copy are the same. Applicant respectfully submits that neither the substitute paper nor the substitute computer-readable copy introduces any new manner.